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### 1. PHILIPPINES

UPI MANILA REPORTS SERIOUS TALKS OF FUTURE US MIL BASES IN  
PHILS ON BACK BURNER FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE DUE COMPLICATIONS  
INCL CARTER ADMIN'S HUMAN RTS CAMPAIGN/PRES MARCOS' DESIRE  
FOR ROLE IN 3RD WORLD POLITICS.

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INTL COMMISSION OF JURISTS PUBLISHES REPT "DECLINE OF  
DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES" THAT SAYS DURING 5 YRS MAR-  
TIAL LAW MARCOS ARRESTED 60,000 PEOPLE/SYSTEMATICALLY RE-  
PRESSED POL OPPOSITION, ESP RC CHURCH LEADERS. REPT ALSO  
CONCLUDES THAT MARTIAL LAW BEING CONTINUED TO PERPETUATE  
PERSONAL POWER MARCOS/FOLLOWERS (RNS, WP).

MANY FILS UPSET OVER RECENT CONVICTION 2 FIL NURSES ON CHARGES POISONING PATIENTS IN US BUT SOME FEEL OTHERWISE, HOPE CASE WILL PUT END TO BRAIN DRAIN/LARGE SCALE EMIGRATION (UPI, BLTO N-A 8/18).

## 2. AUSTRALIA

HOUSE REPS PASS CONTROVERSIAL BILL TO GIVE GOVT POWER SUSPEND/FIRE ANY GOVT EMPLOYEE WHO GOES ON STRIKE (REUTER CANBERRA).

SUGAR PRODUCERS INTEND TAKE CONTINUING PRICE DISPUTE W/33 JAPANESE REFINERS TO LONDON SUGAR ASSN/REQUEST COURT ARBITRATION UNLESS JAPAN ACCEPTS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON PRICES FIXED IN 5-YR CONTRACT (CULLISON, JOC).

## 3. KOREA

TONGSUN PARK REPORTED RETURNS SEOUL FROM LONDON TO SEE AILING MOTHER (UPI, NYT; BABCOCK/CHESIRE, WP; NYDN). SUZI PARK THOMPSON IN WASHINGTON FACES POSSIBLE CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS CHARGES FOR REFUSING ANSWER HOUSE INVESTIGATOR QUESTIONS RE ALLEGED SK INFLUENCE-BUYING (BABCOCK/CHESHIRE; NYDN).

WSTAR'S GOSSIP COLUMNIST "EAR" (8/18) SAYS "TONGSUN PARK'S UNCLASSIFIED

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GAL" TANDY DICKENSON TO BE PROFILED IN "DOSSIER" MAG. ADDS TONGSUN BUYING GIGANTIC COUNTRY ESTATE IN ENGLAND. ALSO STATES ANNA CHENNAULT'S DAUGHTER CINDY 1ST INTRODUCED PARK AROUND WASHINGTON.

CHRISTIAN HUNGER STRIKERS PROTESTING CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT POL DISSIDENTS IN SK ENDED HUNGER STRIKE AFTER POLICE LIFTED SIEGE OF SEOUL CHURCH WHERE THEY WERE GATHERED (AP, WP).

## 4. JAPAN

FUKUDA RETURNS TOKYO AFTER 13-DAY ASEAN TOUR (AP). ON LAST STOP, IN MANILA 8/17, PM PLEDGED COMMITMENT TO PEACE/REGIONAL COOPERATION/DIRECT SUPPORT FOR ASEAN MEMBERS. TERMED JAPAN ASEAN'S "TRUE FRIEND"/SAID WILL DO ITS BEST CONSOLIDATE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE/TRUST, COVERING POL/ECON/SOCIAL/CULTURAL AREAS (NYT, SUN; PHINQ; WSJ).

MITI SAYS JAPAN'S FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED ENERGY/RELATED EXPENDITURES OVER 10-YR TERM BEGINNING 1976 ESTIMATED AT ALMOST 331 BIL DOLS (CULLISON, JOC).

WSJ/JOC ITEMS NOTE MONSANTO'S DUMPING CHARGES AGAINST JAPAN INCL CLAIM LOW-PRICE CHEMICALS THREATEN FUTURE OF RECENTLY COMPLETED 33-MIL-DOL MONSANTO PLANT IN TEXAS. DOT LATE THURS ANNOUNCED IT WILL INVESTIGATE.

NIPPON ANNOUNCED THURS 3 OF ITS STEEL TRADING AFFILIATES SIGNED CONTRACT TO MERGE IN NOV. MERGE WILL BE TOKYO-BASED/CAPITALIZED AT 8.6 MIL DOLS (NYT).

ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSN OF JAPAN DENOUNCES US INVESTIGATION CB IMPORTS, SAYS WILL "VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE" QUOTAS/ INCREASED US TARIFFS ON JAPANESE-MADE RADIOS (WSJ).

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NOMURA SECURITIES PLANS ISSUE US DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS EQUAL TO 20-25 MILLION SHARES OF FIRM'S COMMON STOCK, IN NY LATER THIS YR (NYT).

TORONTO'S COLEMAN COLLIERIES LTD RENEGOTIATES COAL CONTRACT W/JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY, WILL DELIVER FEWER TONS AT HIGHER PRICE FOR PD ENDING 3/31/78 (WSJ).

NYT'S MALCOLM (ESASHI) DOES ITEM ON JAPAN'S EFFORTS RETRIEVE "KAIYO MARU," WHICH RAN AGROUND/SUNK IN 1868.

##### 5. CHINA

TREWITT (SUN) DOES ITEM ON EA'S BRIEFING ON CHINA TRIP, NOTING DEPT'S ATTEMPT EASE ANTICIPATION THAT VANCE MISSION WILL BRING ABOUT BREAKTHRU/DESCRIPTION OF TRIP AS TRULY "EXPLORATORY." ALSO NOTES STATEMENT THAT ADMIN UNDER NO PRESSURE SEEK NORMALIZATION NOW/THAT TAIWAN'S FUTURE IS CRITICAL UNKNOWN IN CHINA EQUATION/US STILL INTENDS HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS THERE.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND INWASH/MORITZ IN HK SAY PRES CARTER'S GO-SLOW ATTITUDE TOWARD NORMALIZATION IN PART PRODUCT OF ANTICIPATED OPPOSITION ADMIN WILL FACE ON INITIATIVES TOWARD CUBA/PANAMA/TROOP W/DRAWALS FROM SK. MOVE NOW TOWARD PRC MIGHT BE SEEN AS SELLOUT OF TAIWAN AND THUS CONCOLIDATE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION TO ALL CARTER FOPOL INITIATIVES. VANCE TRIP SEEN AS "EXPLORATORY" THAT MIGHT IMPROVE RELS W/O RESOLVING FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

CSM (REUTER HK) REPORTS HK TEXTILE INDUSTRY RAPIDLY BECOMING APPREHENSIVE OVER QUOTAS IMPOSED BY US/EC/CANADA. PROBABLE RESULT WILL BE DIVERSIFICATION BY MFRS INTO OTHER  
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INDUSTRIES.

FOURTEEN ENGINEERS/TECHNICIANS AT PRC REQUEST TO GO S CHINA  
SEA EARLY SEPT/CHECK OFFSHORE OIL RIG (WSJ).

PRC MFA SPOKESMAN SAYS REPORTS PRC OFFERED MIL AID TO SO-  
MALI FORCES "SHEER FABRICATION" (REUTER PEKING).

UK TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF SHOES FROM TAIWAN, APPLYING QUOTA  
OF 5.5 MIL PAIRS NON-LEATHER/TOTAL LIMIT 7.5 MIL PAIRS  
BETW NOW AND END OF 1978 (WSJ).

FIFTEEN-MAN TRADE DEL FROM PRC TO VISIT US EARLY SEPT  
(REUTER).

CCP EXPECTED ANNOUNCE 8/20 MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL SHIFT FROM  
REVOLUTIONARY RADICALISM TO MORE PRAGMATIC POLICIES.  
SAME SOURCES ALSO SAID 11TH CCP CONGRESS ENDING OR AL-  
READY OVER. ALSO PRESS PUBLICITY GIVEN TO TENG HSIAO-PING  
REINFORCES SPECULATION THAT IS TO BE NAMED PREMIER (REU-  
TER PEKING).

NCNA ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF "POPULAR ALMANAC"--JOURNAL  
FOR LAY ASTRONOMERS (REUTER PEKING).

#### 6. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SENIOR THAI GEN KRIANGSAK CLAIMS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT  
MOUNT COUP IN CAMBODIA WAS CRUSHED BY PP EARLIER THIS YR;  
MANY TOP-LEVEL PLOTTERS LOST LIVES. ATTEMPT, WHICH HAD  
BEEN SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, FOLLOWED BY CHANGES IN POSITIONS  
CAMBODIAN GOVT LEADERS (REUTER BANGKOK).

#### 7. INDONESIA

ANTARA REPORTS FONMIN MALIK ACCUSED INTL ORGS OF PRE-  
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SENTING NEGATIVE PIX INDONESIA/DISCREDITING COUNTRY IN  
HOPE INTL CONFIDENCE IN INDO DEVELOPMENT BE DIMINISHED.  
SAID DRIVE FOR DEFENDING HUMAN RTS AS PIONEERED BY PRES  
CARTER ABUSED BY ANTI-INDO ORGS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTL/INTL  
COMMISSION JURISTS. ADDED DECOLONIZATION EAST TIMOR TOOK  
PLACE THRU CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS (AFP, WP).

POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE STRUCK NEAR REMOTE SUMBA ISLE 8/19, BUT NO INDICATION DEATH/DAMAGE. HK EXPERTS SAID SHOCK IN CLASS W/ONE DEVASTED TANGSHAN LAST YR/MAY HAVE PRODUCED TIDAL WAVE. PROLONGED SHOCKS FELT OVER VAST AREA; PEOPLE FLED BLDGS 2,000 MI AWAY IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER JAKARTA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. MALAYSIA

ENCOURAGED BY HIGH PRICES, MALAYSIA EXPANDED HECTARES COCOA CULTIVATION TO 40,000, UP 16,000 FROM 7 YRS AGO. ACCORDING LORENZ (JOC), BEAN OUTPUT 76 ABOUT 22,000 TONS WORTH 88 MIL DOLS W/75-80 PCT EXPORTED. BY 1980 PRODUC-

TION EXPECTED REACH 30,000 TONS. HI PRICES EXPECTED HOLD 3-4 YRS. MALAY RESEARCH ATTEMPTING IMPROVE BEEN QUALITY SINCE SELLING PRICE LOWER THAN GHANAIA BEANS. IN W MALAY-SIA COCOA EXPORT EARNINGS HIGHER PER HECTARE THAN OIL PALM/RUBBER.

9. CHINA

FORMER US AMB PORTER (CSM) OUTLINES NIXON/KISSINGER INITIATIVES TOWARD PRC/FAILURE BRING ABOUT NORMALIZATION. NOTES VANCE MISSION ALSO UNLIKELY MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT WILL IMPROVE "COSMETICS."

HARSCH (CSM) NOTES ONE SUBJECT LIKELY BE DISCUSSED DURING VANCE VISIT WILL BE PRC'S NEED FOR MODERN MIL ARMS. SAYS WASHINGTON UNLIKELY BE ARMS SUPPLIER, BUT CAN AID W/OTHER FORMS MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

HAUST, MEMBER 1ST NATL TRADE UNIONISTS' DEL US/CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSN WHO JUST VISITED PRC, IN LTR TO SUN TAKES EXCEPTION TO SUN'S TERMING GANG OF 4 "RADICALS." SAYS CHINESE THEMSELVES VIEW GANG AS REACTIONARIES WHO USED RADICAL SLOGANS TO DISRUPT COUNTRY AND ESTABLISH SELVES AS RULERS.

NYT CARRIES 1/2-PG AD OF TAIPEI SECURITY BROKERS AND DEALERS ASSN BANNERED "THIS IS A FREE MEN'S APPEAL FOR THE RIGHT TO SURVIVE; CONTINUE RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA' CONTINUE HONORING US/ROC DEFENSE TREATY" URGES READERS TELL PRES/SECSTATE NOT ABANDON TAIWAN. VANCE

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